

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a violation of the public trust.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. However, Sinclair is opting to serve its narrow self-interest (its hope that a re-elected Bush Administration will further loosen media consolidation rules) rather than the public good.

Sinclair's blatant in-kind contribution to the Bush campaign shows why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. They also show why the FCC must step in to ensure fairness and balance in the days leading up to this important election. Thank you.